broad gauge line from Kolayat to Phalodi on strategic consideration has already been initiated and work would thereafter be processed for inclusion in the budget.

Quality of Tap Water at New Delhi Railway Station

2869. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six water samples lifted for test by the Delhi Jal Board's Treatment and Quality Control Department from tap water supplied at New Delhi Railway station platforms have been found unfit and unsafe;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi Jal Board has written to the Railway authorities to ensure supply of potable water; and

(c) if so, the action taken to ensure compliance with the D.J.B.'s directive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Delhi Jal Board collected sample during October 2001 where it was mentioned that the water samples were found to be unsatisfactory. Delhi Jal Board took further samples during Nov. 2001 from New Delhi Stations where it was recorded "the water can be used for drinking purpose in the absence of better alternate source after adequate disinfection."

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is an independent monitoring system for ensuring satisfactory quality of water at Railway stations by medical Department of Railways. Medical Department regularly collects samples from all stations and corrective action. If required is taken by Engineering Department.